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MYCOBACTERIA AND THEIR USE AS
DIAGNOSTICS, VACCINES AND TARGETS
FOR CHEMOTHERAPY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows.

Insert the attached Sequence Listing after the claims pages.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 2, 3, 16 and 17, without prejudice.

4. (Amended) A polynucleotide in substantially isolated form which encodes a polypeptide according to claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 3].